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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : AKIO ITO and EIJI TOKUHARA
Serial No. : TO BE ASSIGNED
Filed : HEREWITH
For : SHEET METAL REPAIR METHOD, SHEET METAL
REPAIR TOOL, AND SHEET-LIKE MEMBER
FIXING DEVICE

October 25, 2001

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
& Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified
patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, after the title, insert the following heading
and paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

a! This application is a divisional application of
Application Serial No. 09/600,841, filed July 24, 2000, now
pending.